



# Gillespie Field Development Council



## **A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego**

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Jerry Hollingsworth  
*Chairman*

John Gibson  
*Vice Chairman*

Robert Parker  
*Councilman*

Rick Fordem  
*Councilman*

Clifford Leary  
*Councilman*

## **DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC APPROVAL March 21, 2006 MINUTES OF February 21, 2006**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></b>
Jerry Hollingsworth	Peter Drinkwater
John Gibson	Sherry Miller
Robert Parker	Marc Baskel
Rick Fordem	Reggie Angquico
Cliff Leary	

\*For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Parker made a motion that the minutes of January 17, 2006 be approved. Mr. Leary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Hollingsworth congratulated Mr. Barry Bardack – President of Gillespie Pilot's Association and out-going President Phyllis Trombi for her contribution. He also reminded everyone of the unfortunate mid air collision.

4. PROPOSAL FOR VOLUNTARY NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AT GILLESPIE FIELD

Ms. Miller informed the Council that County Airports proposes to form a committee to study a Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedure (VNAP) similar to the program at Palomar Airport. This program will involve participation by the Gillespie Field Development Council, County Staff, Air Traffic Control, pilots and residents around Gillespie Field.

5. AIRPORTS DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Drinkwater gave an update on the Cajon Air Center (CAC) stating that all buildings have been torn down and Airport Maintenance is currently grading the ground. Mr. Drinkwater stated that the 41 acre development at Weld Avenue and Cuyamaca Street is receiving opposition from homeowners who feel that the area is not suited for industrial use.

Mr. Gibson inquired if the Fixed Base Operators at CAC will be required to perform an Environmental Assessment (EA) on their leased parcel.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that the lessee will have to do an additional EA related to what they are going to build on the parcel.

6. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Ms. Miller stated that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is currently resurveying the current Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) location to gather more information before relocating. She announced that there is a handout tonight on statistics regarding based aircraft, aircraft accidents and operations count. She also stated that there is one more tree to be cut in order to remove all tree obstacles.

7. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

Barry Bardack commented on the VNAP stating that there is already one in place that is in compliance, conforms to the FAA Information Manual, and has evolved over decades. He is concerned that any more changes could create problems. Mr. Bardack stated that the Gillespie Pilots Association (GPA) has offered to meet with Fletcher Hills Homeowners Association (FHHA) to explain why procedures are the way they are but (FHHA) have refused the offer.

Rob Dennis asked if County Airports is working on a Master Plan.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that County Airports is working on a revision to the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) since the FAA denied funding for a Master Plan. The FAA disagreed with the environmental scope and felt that it should be funded by the Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF). Mr. Drinkwater explained that the cost to create a 25 year Master Plan would be millions and it is more cost effective and less time consuming to do a project level environmental, update the ALP and move forward with some modest redevelopment activities at Gillespie Field.

Phyllis Thrombi informed the Council that she attends the Airport Technical Advisory Group and has found a lot of opposition among the members who represent developers that would like to build close to Airports.

Andre Zeelandelaar introduced Blanca Ayala – President of Gillespie Field Eagles a flying club that offers kids flying lessons for free. He advised the Council that development in Gillespie Field should be kept to the small businesses and not be given to large major developers.

Kerry Schimpf a broker with East County Properties suggested that the 25 acres of land west of Gillespie Field Business Park and just off Weld Avenue be used for outside storage. He stated that there is a need for open space storage in the East County and companies are willing to pay \$4000 to \$7000 an acre per month. In fact Mr. Schimpf had sent County Airports a request for Waste Management to have outside storage on this property.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that County Airports Real Property is looking into the possibility of open storage in the vacant area that Mr. Schimpf was referring to, it is also an area where the Ambrosia, currently at the Cajon Air Center, maybe relocated.

Mr. Gibson wanted to know if it was prudent to have a private company build and run the parking lot at Palomar Airport instead of using bond money to construct and operate the facility. He also questioned whether County Airports is competing against private enterprise and if there has been a study on the income stream it may produce.

Mr. Drinkwater explained that it is typical for airports to own and operate auto parking lots. He gave Ontario International Airport as an example of an airport that owns/operates its auto parking lots. Mr. Drinkwater explained that auto parking lots charging for use are not eligible for FAA grant funding and bond money is appropriate for use since the land will generate income. County Airports has over leased property at Palomar Airport and needs to maintain control of the parking lots for flexibility for future needs. This is the only commercial airport serving airlines the County presently operates.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Mr. Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2006 in City Council Chambers, 200 E. Main Street, El Cajon.

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Reggie Angquico, Office Support Specialist